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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

A Notice of Allowance for the above-referenced application was mailed on January 14, 2009. Applicant submits herein an application for patent term adjustment under 37 CFR §1.705(b). Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1891 a fee of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) as set forth in 37 CFR §1.18(e) for filing an application for patent term adjustment.

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Statement of Facts

The Correct Patent Term Adjustment

Applicant submits that the correct patent term adjustment should be 1556 days as a result of:

USPTO delay under 37 CFR\$1.702(a)(1) - 135 days

USPTO delay under 37 CFR\$1.702(a)(2) - 333 days

USPTO delay under 37 CFR\$1.702(b) - 1088 days

Applicant delay under 37 CFR\$1.704 - 8 days

USPTO Delay Under 37 CFR\$1.702(a)(1)

This application was filed on August 5, 2003. The USPTO has failed to mail a notification under 35 U.S.C. 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151 not later than fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay starts from the day after the date that is fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed (i.e. October 6, 2004) and ending on the date of mailing of an action under 35 U.S.C. 132 (i.e. February 17, 2005), totaling 135 days.

USPTO Delay Under 37 CFR\$1.702(a)(2)

The USPTO has failed to mail a notification under 35 U.S.C. 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151 not later than four months after the date a reply was filed. Applicant filed a response on October 16, 2007. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay starts from the day after the date that is four months after the date on which a reply was filed (i.e. February 17, 2008) and ending on the date of mailing

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of a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151 (i.e. January 14, 2009), totaling 333 days.

USPTO Delay Under 37 CFR \$1.702(b)

The USPTO has failed to issue a patent within three years after the date on which the application was filed. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay starts from the day after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed (i.e. August 6, 2006), and ends on the date a patent was issued, excluding any time consumed by (i) continued examination of the application under 35 U.S.C. 132(b); (ii) an interference proceeding under 35 U.S.C. 135(a); (iii) imposition of a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181; (iv) review by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or a Federal court; or (v) any delay in the processing of the application by the Office that was requested by the applicant.

Applicants submit that no time has been consumed by actions (i) to (v) listed above. Hence, the period beginning on August 6, 2006 and ending on the date of issuance of the patent should be counted as USPTO delay under 37 CFR \$1.702(b).

In the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 14, 2009, the USPTO estimates that the patent will be issued on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance, i.e. July 28, 2009. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the period beginning from August 6, 2006 and ending on July 28, 2009 should be counted as USPTO delay under 37 CFR \$1.702(b), totaling **1088** days.

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The sum of the above USPTO delay under 37 CFR §1.702(a)(1), 37 CFR §1.702(a)(2), and §1.702(b), and excluding the overlapping period under §1.702(a)(2), totals 1223 days.

Applicant Delay Under 37 CFR §1.704

Delay Under 37 CFR §1.704(c) (8)

Applicant filed a Supplemental Response on October 24, 2007 after filing a Response to an office action on October 16, 2007. Hence, the period of adjustment set forth in 37 CFR § 1.704 (c) (8) shall be reduced by the number of days beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed (i.e. October 17, 2007) and ending on the date the Supplemental reply was filed (i.e. October 24, 2007), totaling 8 days.

Disputed Applicant Delay

The USPTO indicates there is a period of 451 days of Applicant delay from October 16, 2007 to January 9, 2009, apparently assuming that Applicant has submitted a Information Disclosure Statement after a reply to an Office Action has been filed. Applicant submits that there is no such delay.

Applicant did not submit an Information Disclosure Statement for this application on January 9, 2009. A copy of the Image File Wrapper of this application as printed from the USPTO's Private Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system is enclosed as **Exhibit A** (2 pages). A copy of the Display References tab of this application as printed from the USPTO's Private Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system is enclosed as **Exhibit B** (1 page). The Image File Wrapper and Display References tab clearly indicates that no Information

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Disclosure Statement was filed for this application on January 9, 2009.

Hence, Applicant submits that Applicant did not file an Information Disclosure Statement on January 9, 2009. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Applicant has not caused any period of delay from October 16, 2007 to January 9, 2009.

Terminal Disclaimer

Applicant submits that the present application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

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Concluding Remarks

In view of the above calculation, Applicant submits that there is a USPTO delay of 1223 days, and an Applicant delay of 8 days, resulting in a patent term adjustment of 1215 days.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in rectifying the patent term adjustment of the present application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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